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SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ILO ACTIVITIES BRAZIL

REF: STATE 203991, STATE 206223

1. THE FOLLOWING ILO SPONSORED ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT IN BRAZIL:

(A) NATIONAL CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING (CENAFOR) UNDP/ILO PROJECTS SAO PAULO. THESE PROJECTS ARE BEING RUN UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE 'FUNDACAO NACIONAL DE APERFEICOAMENTO DE PESSOAS PARA A FORMACAO PROFISSIONAL (CENAFOR)' OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT OF PLANNING, BRASILIA, US\$1,215,000 HAS BEEN SPENT ON THESE PROJECTS SINCE 1970 AND US\$408,000 IS BUDGETED IN 1976 AND 1977. ONE ILO REPRESENTATIVE IS ASSIGNED AS PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISER TO CENAFOR, MR PAUL LOUIS GERON FRANCE. THESE PROJECTS WERE DESCRIBED IN PARA 5 OF STATE 206223. CENAFOR REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMS THAT THE PROJECTS ARE MEETING TRAINING GOALS. NO DATA WAS AVAILABLE CONCERNING TRAINING PERIOD IN 1975 OR 1976 OR EARLIER. CENAFOR REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED SAO PAULO CONSULATE OFFICER THAT THE TRAINING GOAL PROJECT LAST YEAR FOR 1975-1976 WAS 6300 TRAINEES. SAID THAT ONLY HALF HAD BEEN TRAINED TO PRESENT BUT EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT FULFILLING TWO YEAR GOAL. CLAIMS CENAFOR OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS IN BRAZIL, AND IN OTHER

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COUNTRIES. REPORTS NO BUDGETARY PROBLEMS.

(B) A 3-1/2 YEAR PROJECT TO ESTABLISH A FOUNDRY CENTER ITAUNA, MINAS GERAIS DESCRIBED IN STATE 206223. PROJECT IS BUDGETED FOR US\$384,000 FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1977. MR MARCEL GANAVET (FRANCE) IS CHIEF OF PROJECT, AND MR ANTOINE R. BATTAGLIA (FRANCE) IS ASSIGNED AS A SPECIALIST IN COURSE PREPARATION.

(C) A RURAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT BUDGETED AT US\$141,600 FOR 1976 AND 1977. THIS PROJECT WAS TO BE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE 'PROGRAMA INTENSIVO DE PREPARACAO DE MAO DE OBRA' (PIPMO) BRASILIA OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR. MR PHILIPPE ETIENNE ADANT (FRANCE) IS THE PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISOR AND MR ULISES USERA TELLECHEA (URUGUAY) IS ASSIGNED AS A CONSULTANT. LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THIS PROJECT. DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN OFF GROUND.

(D) A PROGRAM CONCERNED WITH CONVERTING THE REGISTER OF OCCUPATIONAL TITLES TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL NOMENCLATURE RECOMMENDED BY ILO. PROGRAM IS PART OF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED OCCUPATIONS. PROGRAM COSTS LESS THAN A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. BEGAN ABOUT TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO AND SHOULD BE OVER AROUND THE END OF THIS YEAR ACCORDING TO DR MARCELO PIMENTAL, LEGAL ADVISOR ASSIGNED TO ILO MATTERS OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR. MR WILLIAM H. MASON (GREAT BRITAIN), EMPLOYMENT SERVICES EXPERT, MR ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ ARIAS, STATISTICS EXPERT (CHILE), AND MR GEORGE MAETINE (CANADA), INTERNAL MIGRATION CONSULTANT, ARE ASSIGNED TO THIS PROJECT.

(E) THERE IS A SMALL PROJECT IN BAHIA WHICH ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT OF PLANNING COSTS US\$6,000. DOES NOT MERIT A FOLLOW-UP.

(F) ILO DIRECTOR BRAZIL PERICLES MONTEIRO REPORTS THAT TURIN ILO CENTER HAS CONDUCTED A SERIES OF SHORT MANAGEMENT COURSES WITH A MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

(G) ILO DIRECTOR ALSO REPORTS TWO ILO EXPERTS, DR MARIA HELENA RATO (PORTUGAL), AN ECONOMIC DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS EXPERT, AND DR JOSE BURLE DE FIGUEIREDO, A BRAZILIAN ECONOMIST, ARE ASSIGNED TO POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH AT THE 'INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DE GEOGRAFIA E ESTATISTICA (IBGE)' RIO DE JANEIRO.

2. COMMENT: ILO DIRECTOR PERICLES MONTEIRO TOLD EMBASSY LABOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTACHE HE PLANS TO RETIRE AFTER 24 YEARS SERVICE DECEMBER 1976. MONTEIRO'S SUCCESSOR NOT YET CHOSEN WILL THEN BE CHARGED WITH MOVING ILO OFFICE FROM RIO TO BRASILIA. MONTEIRO, LONG-TIME EMBASSY CONTACT, IS PROVEN FRIEND OF US AND OUTSPOKEN ADMIRER OF US TRADE UNIONS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. PRIVATELY, IS CRITIC OF BRAZILIAN SYSTEM OF PATERNALISTIC TRADE UNIONS. ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL, FRANCIS BLANCHARD, PAID FIVE DAY VISIT TO BRAZIL DECEMBER 5-10, 1974. S K JAIN, DEPUTY ILO

DIRECTOR (INDIA), AND JULIO GALER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (ARGENTINE), DUE TO PAY VISIT AFTER ILO OCTOBER MEETING QUITO.

3. DR MARCELO PIMENTAL GIVES IMPRESSION ILO ACTIVITIES IN BRAZIL OF LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE. HE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT IN SMALLER AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THE ILO STILL MAY HAVE A ROLE BUT IN TODAY'S BRAZIL LABOR MATTERS ARE WELL TAKEN CARE OF BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ANY ILO INPUT IS MARGINAL AT BEST.
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4. A SOURCE IN SAO PAULO STATE LABOR SECRETARIAT TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER THAT CENAFOR PROJECT WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY MEETING ITS GOALS. ILO DIRECTOR MONTEIRO AND WILLIAM MASON ALSO TOLD EMBASSY'S LABOR ATTACHE THAT CENAFOR PROJECT HAD SLOWED DOWN.

5. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND ATTENTION TO "PROTECTING" BRAZIL'S IMAGE REGARDING REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE VIS-A-VIS TRADE UNIONS. ILO TRADE UNION LEADERS CHOSEN TO ATTEND ILO MEETINGS ARE USUALLY RELIABLE "PELEGOS", I.E., LABOR LEADERS WHO FOLLOW GOVERNMENT DIRECTION.

6. EMBASSY BRASILIA AND CONGEN SAO PAULO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ABOVE REPORT.
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